

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

10. (new) A communication device switching control system comprising:
a registry configured to store operational state information concerning each of plurality of communication devices connected to the switching control system;
a switching module configured to change the operational state information in the registry;
a hardware control section configured to control the plurality of communication devices in accordance with the changed operational state information stored in the registry and adding or deleting the communication devices without stopping an operational system.

11. (new) The system according to claim 10, wherein;
the switching module changes the operational state information in the registry to temporarily stop each of the plurality of communication devices;

the hardware control section temporarily stops each of the plurality of communication devices;

the switching module changes the operational state information in the registry to start at least one of the plurality of communication devices after each of the plurality of communication devices is stopped; and

the hardware control section thereafter starts the at least one of the plurality of communication devices.

12. (new) The system according to claim 11, further comprising a notification device configured to notify a user that each of the communication devices is temporarily stopped while each of the communication devices is temporarily stopped.

13. (new) A communication device switching control method comprising steps of:
changing operational state information concerning each of plurality of communication devices stored in a registry to stop temporarily each of the plurality of communication devices;

stopping each of the plurality of communication devices in accordance with the changed operational state information stored in the registry;

changing the operational state information in the registry to start at least one of the plurality of communication devices after each of the plurality of communication devices is stopped; and

starting the at least one of the plurality of communication devices in accordance with the changed operational state information stored in the registry.

14. (new) The method according to claim 13, wherein while each of the communication devices is temporarily stopped, a message that each of the communication devices is temporarily stopped is offered to a user.

15. (new) A communication device switching control system comprising:
a registry configured to store operational state information concerning each of plurality of communication devices connected to the switching control system;

a first computer code device configured to change the operational state information in the registry;

a second computer code device configured to control the plurality of communication devices in accordance with the changed operational state information stored in the registry and to either add or delete the communication devices without stopping an operational system.

16. (new) The system according to claim 15, wherein;

the first computer code device changes the operational state information in the registry to stop temporarily each of the plurality of communication devices;

the second computer code device temporarily stops each of the plurality of communication devices;

the first computer code device changes the operational state information in the registry to start at least one of the plurality of communication devices after each of the plurality of communication devices is stopped; and

the second computer code device thereafter starts the at least one of the plurality of communication devices.

17. (new) The system according to claim 16, further comprising a third computer code device configured to notify a user that each of the communication devices is temporarily stopped while each of the communication devices is temporarily stopped.